

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) A wound dressing having opposed bodyside and backside surfaces, comprising:

an absorbent core defining opposed proximal and distal surfaces, the distal surface including a central portion and a border portion;

a liquid impervious, vapor permeable backing layer defining opposed proximal and distal surfaces, the proximal surface of the backing layer extending over ~~connected to~~ the distal surface of the absorbent core, and defining a border portion extending beyond the periphery of the absorbent core, the distal surface of the backing layer defining the backside surface of the wound dressing; and

~~an a~~ a first adhesive layer applied only to at least a ~~the~~ proximal segment surface of the border portion of the backing layer, the first adhesive layer defining a portion of the bodyside surface of the wound dressing.

Claim 2. (Original) The wound dressing according to claim 1, wherein the border portion of the backing layer is substantially parallel with the proximal surface of the absorbent core.

Claim 3. (Original) The wound dressing according to claim 2, wherein the backing layer extends along the peripheral edges of the absorbent core.

Claim 4. (Original) The wound dressing according to claim 1, wherein the border portion of the backing layer includes at least two opposed elongate sections, each opposed elongate section extending from a corresponding side of the absorbent core.

Claim 5. (Currently Amended) The wound dressing according to claim 1, wherein the first adhesive layer is a pressure sensitive adhesive.

Claim 6. (Currently Amended) The wound dressing according to claim 1, wherein the first adhesive layer is a skin adherent ~~elastomer~~ silicone gel.

Claim 7. (Cancelled)

Claim 8. (Currently Amended) The wound dressing according to claim 71, wherein the first adhesive layer is sufficiently porous so as not to occlude moisture transmission through the backing layer.

Claim 9. (Currently Amended) The wound dressing according to claim 1, further comprising a second ~~perforated~~, skin adherent facing layer secured to the proximal surface of the absorbent core defining a plurality apertures arranged in a pattern and forming a portion of the bodyside surface of the wound dressing.

Claim 10. (Currently Amended) The wound dressing according to claim 9, wherein the first adhesive layer ~~of the backing layer~~ has greater skin adherence properties than the second facing layer.

Claim 11. (Currently Amended) The wound dressing according to claim 1, wherein the backing layer ~~includes~~ defines at least one compliant element formed therefrom and detached ~~disassociated~~ from the distal surface of the absorbent core and extending over an intermediate portion of the absorbent core interposed between the border and central portions thereof.

Claim 12. (Currently Amended) A wound dressing having opposed backside and bodyside surfaces, comprising:

an absorbent core defining opposed proximal and distal surfaces, the distal surface including a central portion and a border portion;

~~a perforated, skin adherent facing layer secured to the proximal surface of the absorbent core;~~

a liquid impervious, vapor permeable backing layer defining opposed proximal and distal surfaces, the proximal surface of the backing layer extending over ~~connected to~~ the distal surface of the absorbent core, and defining a border portion extending beyond the periphery of the absorbent core, the distal surface of the backing layer defining the backside surface of the wound dressing; and

~~an a first adhesive layer applied secured only to at least a the proximal segment surface of the border portion of the backing layer, the first adhesive layer defining a portion of the bodyside surface of the wound dressing; and-~~

~~a second perforated, skin adherent facing layer directly secured to the proximal surface of the absorbent core, the second facing layer defining a portion of the bodyside surface of the wound dressing.~~

Claim 13. (Cancelled)

Claim 14. (Original) The wound dressing according to claim 12, wherein the border portion of the backing layer is substantially parallel with the distal surface of the absorbent core.

Claim 15. (Original) The wound dressing according to claim 12, wherein the border portion of the backing layer includes at least two opposed elongate sections, each opposed elongate section extending from a corresponding side of the absorbent core.

Claim 16. (Currently Amended) The wound dressing according to claim 12, wherein the first adhesive layer is a pressure sensitive adhesive.

Claim 17. (Currently Amended) The wound dressing according to claim 12, wherein the first adhesive layer extends along the entire proximal surface of the backing layer.

Claim 18. (Currently Amended) The wound dressing according to claim 17, wherein the first adhesive layer is sufficiently porous so as not to occlude moisture transmission through the backing layer.

Claim 19. (Currently Amended) The wound dressing according to claim 12, wherein the first adhesive layer of the backing layer has greater skin adherence properties than the facing layer.

Claim 20. (Original) The wound dressing according to claim 12, wherein the peripheral edges of the absorbent have a bevel extending downwardly and inwardly towards a central axis thereof from the distal surface to the proximal surface thereof.

Claim 21. (Currently Amended) A wound dressing having opposed bodyside and backside surfaces, comprising:

an absorbent core defining opposed proximal and distal surfaces, the distal surface including a central portion and a border portion;

a liquid impervious, vapor permeable backing layer ~~connected to~~ defining opposed proximal and distal surfaces, the proximal surface of the backing layer

extending over the distal surface of the absorbent core, and defining a border portion extending beyond the periphery of the absorbent core, the distal surface of the backing layer defining the backside surface of the wound dressing; and

a first skin-adherent adhesive elastomer elastomeric gel layer only applied directly along the proximal surface of the border portion of the backing layer, the first adhesive layer defining a portion of the bodyside surface of the wound dressing.

Claim 22. (Currently Amended) A wound dressing having opposed bodyside and backside surfaces, comprising:

an absorbent core defining opposed proximal and distal surfaces, the distal surface including a central portion and a border portion;

a liquid impervious, vapor permeable backing layer ~~connected to~~ defining opposed proximal and distal surfaces, the proximal surface of the backing layer extending over the distal surface of the absorbent core, and defining a border portion extending beyond the periphery of the absorbent core, the distal surface of the backing layer defining the backside surface of the wound dressing; and

a skin adherent facing layer directly secured to both the proximal surfaces of the absorbent core and the border portion of the backing layer, the facing layer defining a pattern of through extending apertures along the portion thereof corresponding to the absorbent core, the facing layer defining the bodyside surface of the wound dressing.

Claim 23. (Currently Amended) A wound dressing having opposed bodyside and backside surfaces, comprising:

an absorbent core defining opposed proximal and distal surfaces, the distal surface including a central portion and a border portion;

a liquid impervious, vapor permeable backing layer ~~connected to~~ defining opposed proximal and distal surfaces, the proximal surface of the backing layer extending over the distal surface of the absorbent core, and defining a border portion extending beyond the periphery of the absorbent core, the distal surface of the backing layer defining the backside surface of the wound dressing; and

a skin adherent facing layer directly secured to both the proximal surfaces of the absorbent core and the proximal surface of the border portion of the backing layer, the facing layer defining a pattern of through extending apertures only along the portion thereof corresponding to the absorbent core, and the portion of the facing layer corresponding to the border portion of the backing layer having a generally smooth surface, the facing layer defining the entirety of the bodyside of the wound dressing.